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**EVENT: Sentencing** 

**Defendant: Christopher Wells Method** 

## DEARBORN MAN SENTENCED TO 120 MONTHS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CRIMES

A 30-year-old Dearborn man who had established a child porn library of nearly 300 child pornographic movies and pictures for distribution was sentenced to 120 months in federal prison today for shipping the images to others over the Internet, including to an undercover FBI agent, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Joining in the announcement was FBI Special Agent in Charge Daniel Roberts.

Christopher Wells Method pleaded guilty in December of 2005 to one count of distribution of child pornography via the Internet and one count of possession of child pornography. The digital images and videos contained graphic depictions of violent sexual assaults on children.

In addition to the prison sentence, United States District Court Judge Gerald E. Rosen ordered extensive psychological counseling and sex offender therapy. During sentencing, Judge Rosen noted that the challenge to these types of offenses is not knowing whether

rehabilitation will be successful or if the offender will continue to represent a danger to the community.

United States Attorney Murphy applauded the efforts of the FBI for their aggressive pursuit of those who prey on children. "Protecting these innocent victims of violent sexual assault from suffering the injury of re-victimization by child pornography distributors is paramount. These images represent a photographic record of a violent crime in progress. The horror of the crime, having been reduced to a recording, may well haunt the victims for years to come."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John O'Brien.